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NORMS FOR ALLOTMENT OF WEAPONS FROM CUSTOMS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the existing norms for allotment of non-prohibited weapons/prohibited weapons to Members of Parliament from custom department;

(b) the number of said weapons provided/given to Members of Parliament during last three years and current year till April, 2002;

(c) whether the allottee of said weapons are in the waiting list since 1996-97;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether there is any Government proposal to provide weapons to the allottee those who are in waiting list; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the waiting list is likely to be cleared?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (REVENUE) IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) As per the existing norms, the non-prohibited bore weapons are sold by the Customs Department to the sitting Members of Parliament who do not own/possess any weapon, on first-cum-first-serve basis after meeting the requirement of allotment of these weapons on lease terms to the departmental officers. Further, the prohibited bore weapons are confiscated and appropriated only for the departmental use.

(b) 102 number of weapons have been sold to Members of Parliament during last three years and current year till April, 2002.

(c) & (d) There is no waiting list as the weapons are sold on the basis of their availability. Sometimes, Members of Parliament prefer to wait till weapons of their choice become available. 29 Members of Parliament have not been provided weapons since 1996-97 till April, 2002 partly due to this reason and partly because of non-availability of serviceable non prohibited bore weapons with the Customs Department.

(e) & (f) Do not arise in view of (c) and (d) above.